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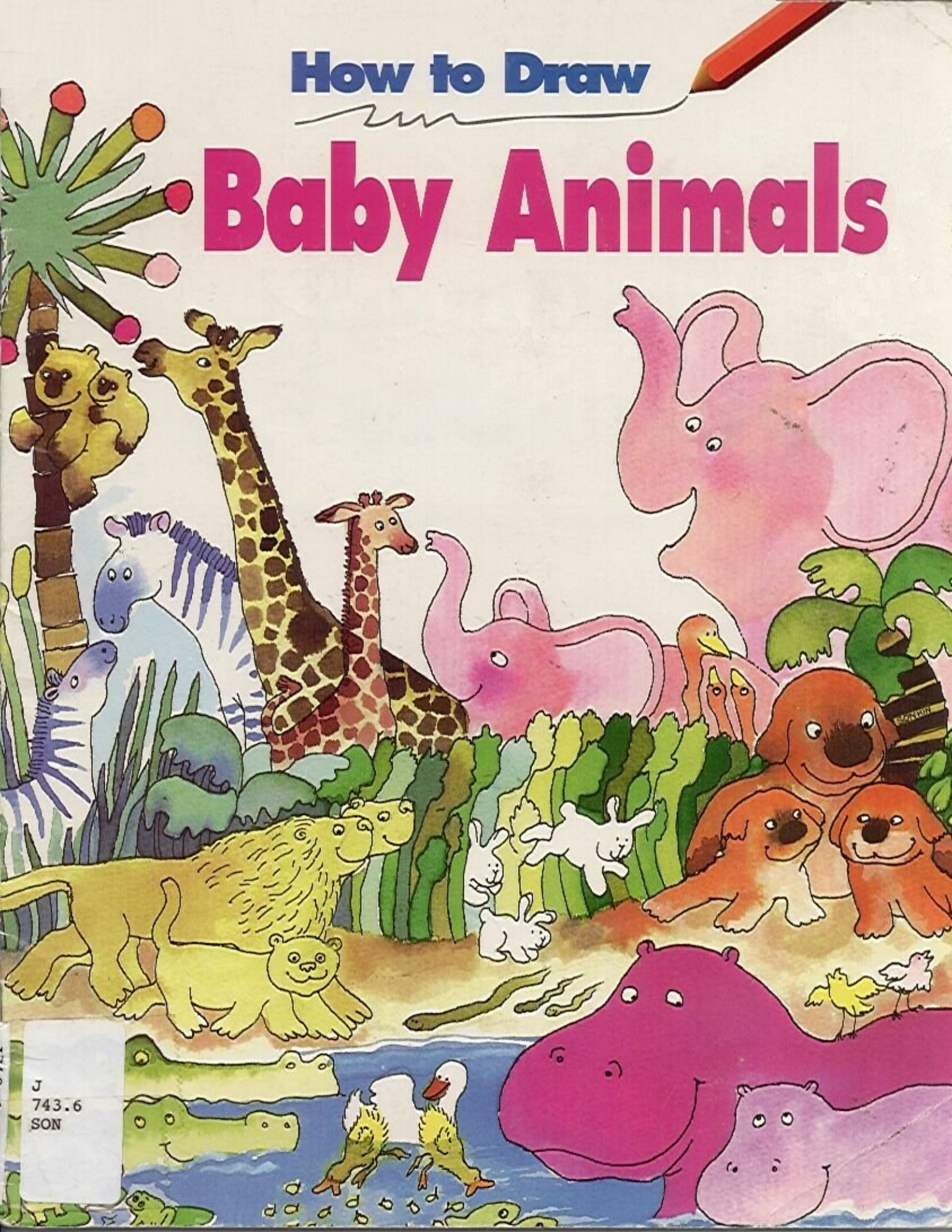

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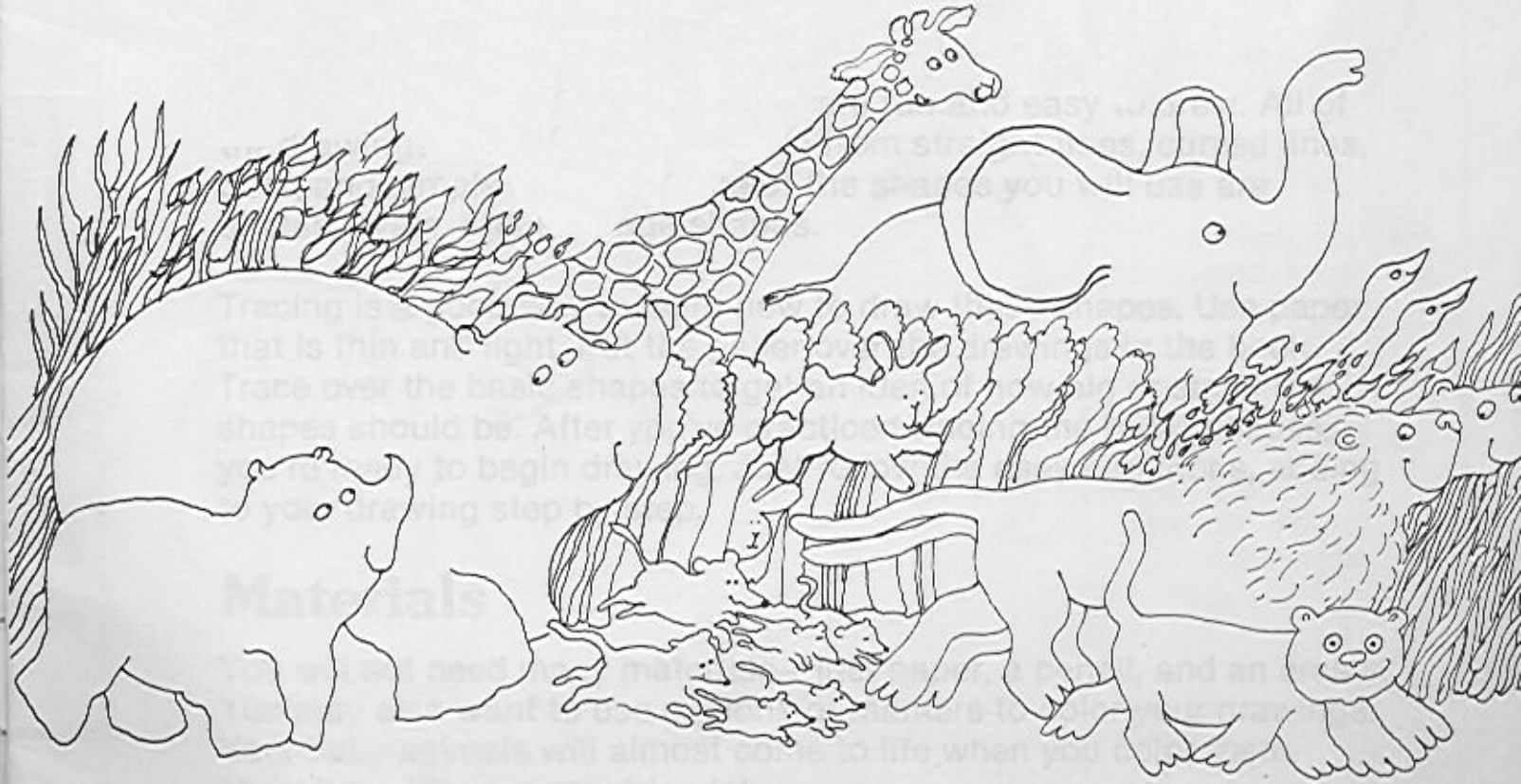

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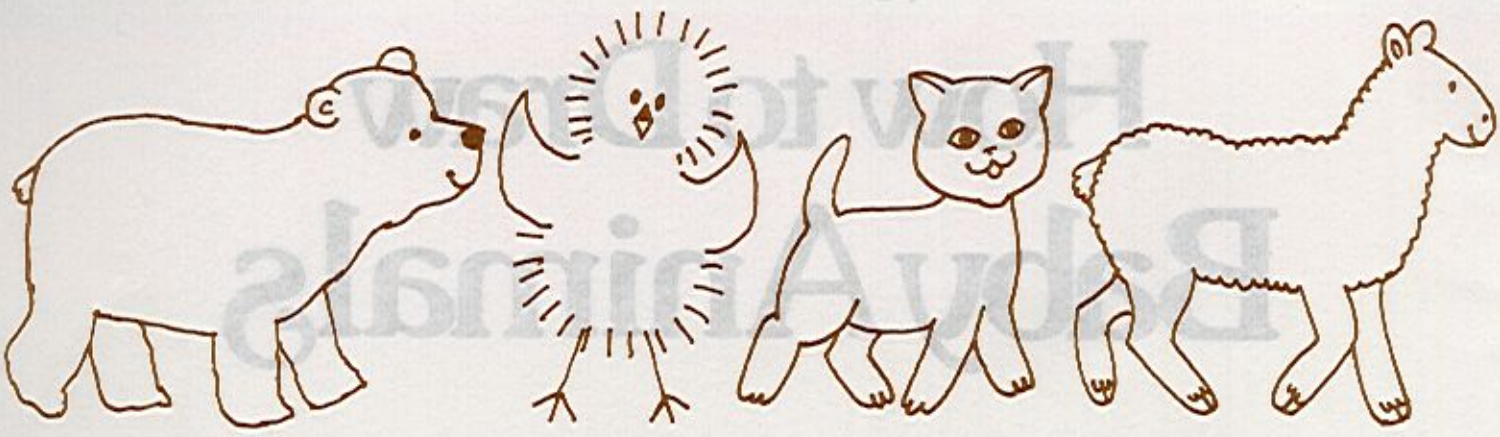
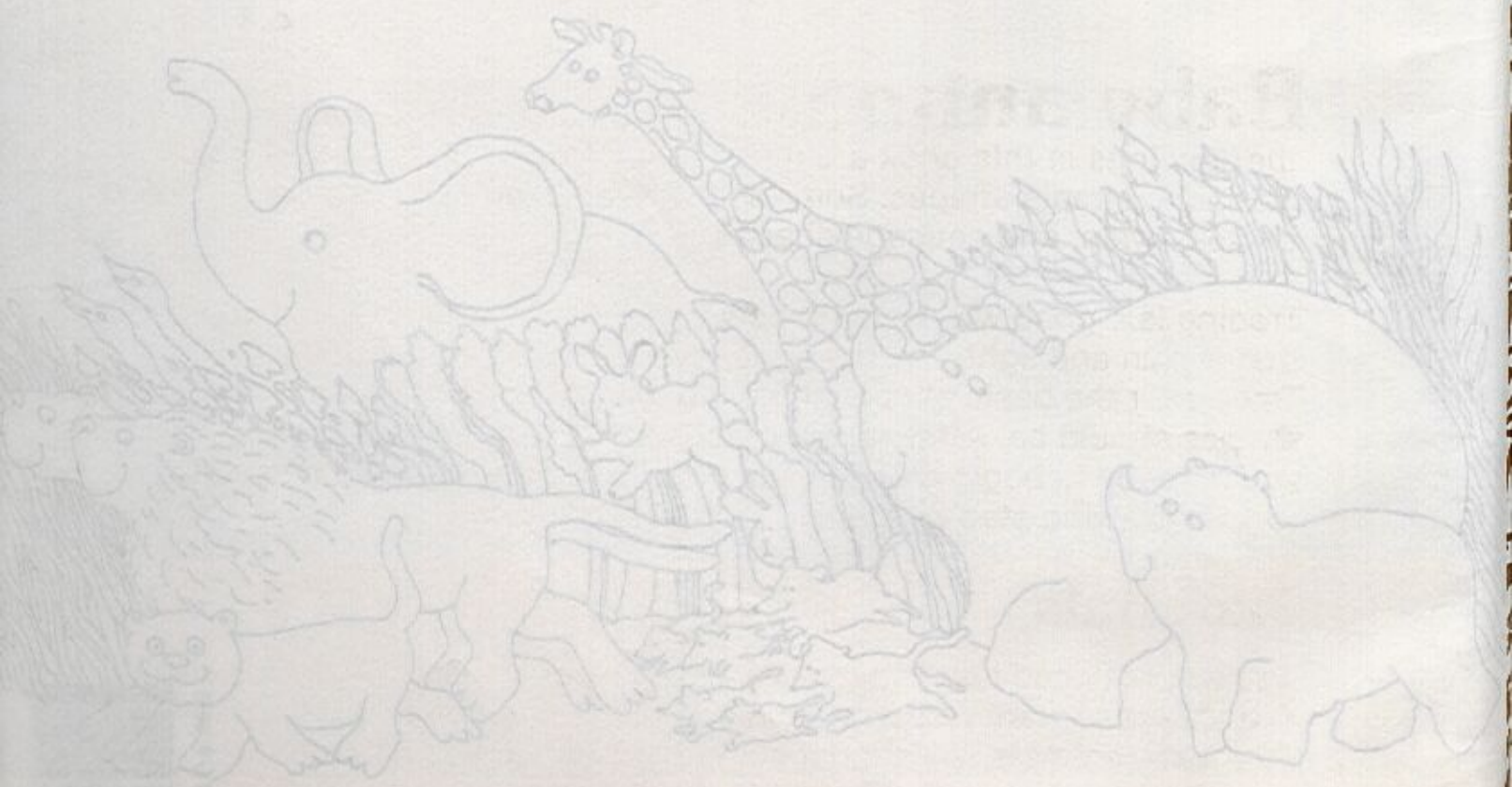
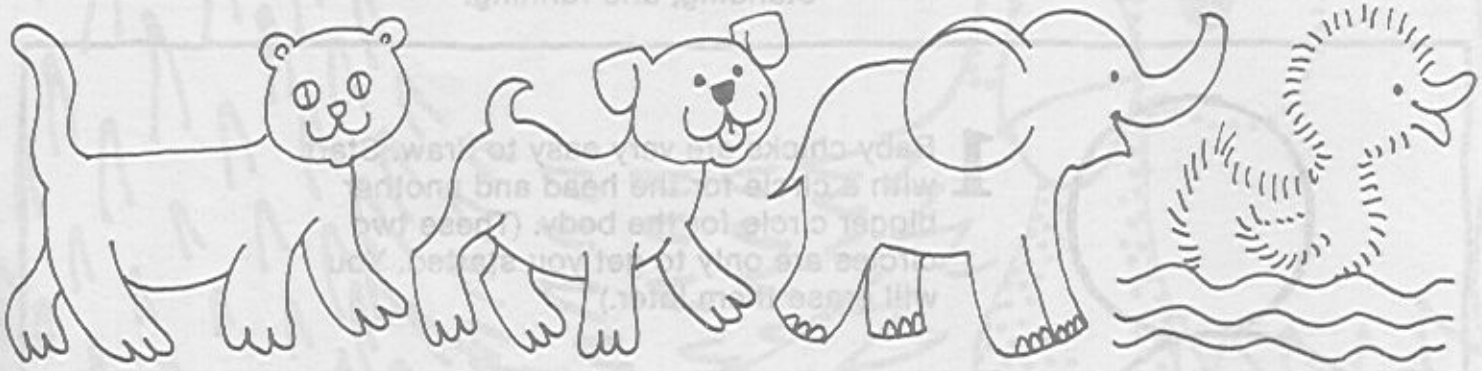






Baby animals are fun and easy to draw. All of the drawings in this book are made from straight lines, curved lines, dots, and simple shapes. Some of the shapes you will use are circles, ovals, and sausage shapes.

Tracing is a good way to learn how to draw these shapes. Use paper that is thin and light. Put the paper over the drawings in the book. Trace over the basic shapes to get an idea of how big or small the shapes should be. After you've practiced tracing the basic shapes, you're ready to begin drawing. Just follow the easy directions, adding to your drawing step by step.

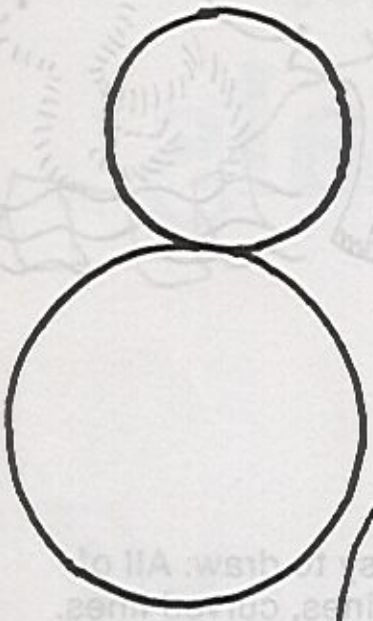
Materials

You will not need many materials—just paper, a pencil, and an eraser. You may also want to use crayons or markers to color your drawings. Your baby animals will almost come to life when you color them. Have fun with your new friends!

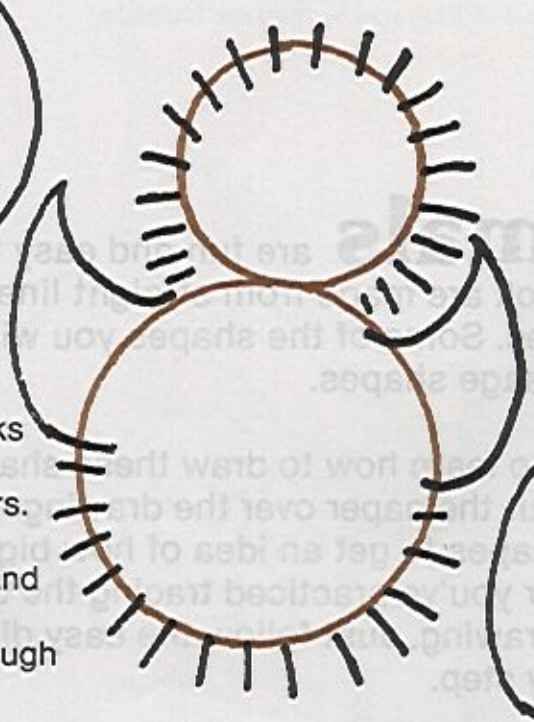
a baby chicken is a...

chick

A chicken egg takes three weeks to hatch. With its sharp beak, the chick pecks its way out of the egg. When the shell breaks, the chick gets its first look at the world. A few hours later, the chick will be chirping, standing, and running.

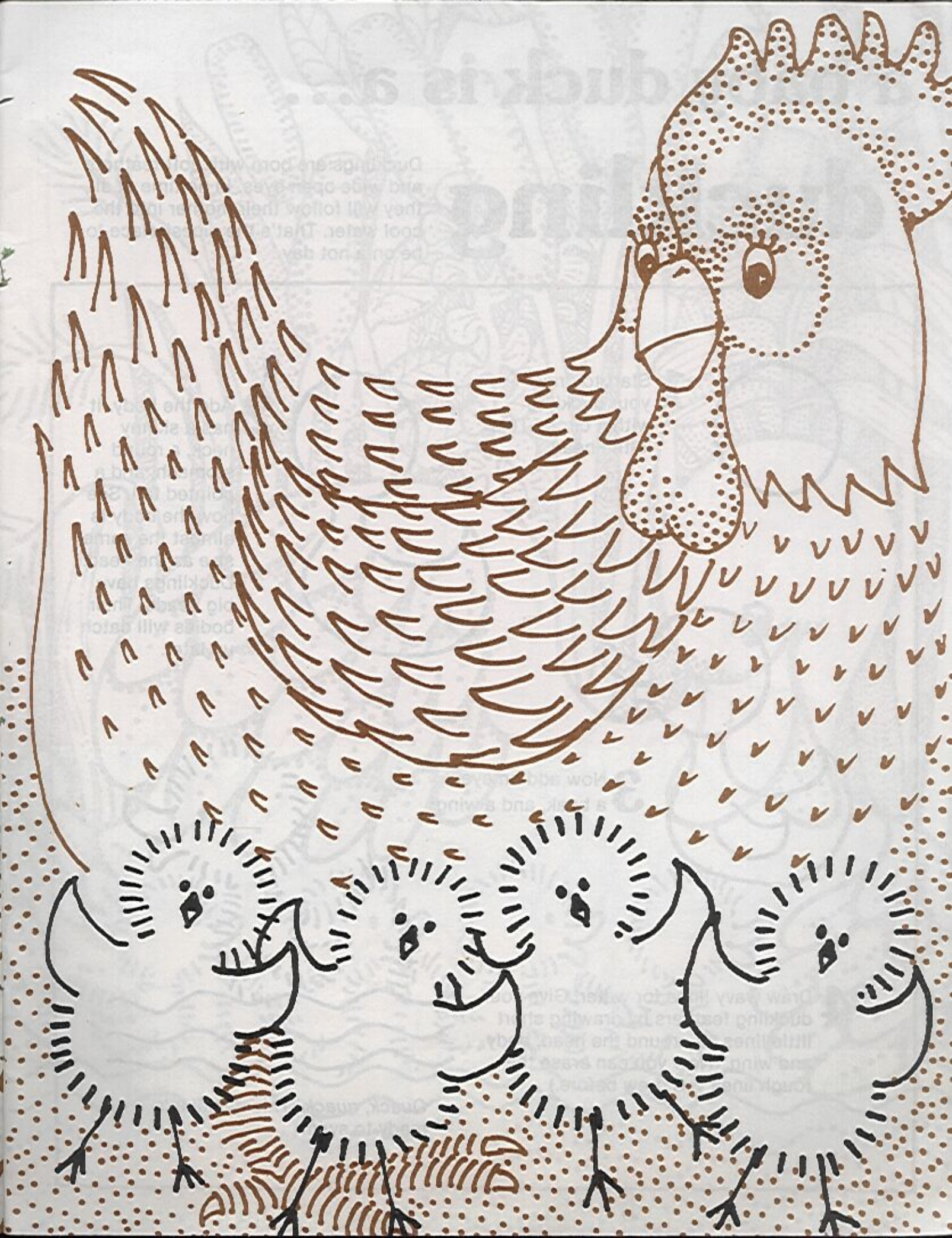


1 Baby chicks are very easy to draw. Start with a circle for the head and another bigger circle for the body. (These two circles are only to get you started. You will erase them later.)



2 Now draw two wings. Baby chicks are covered with soft, fluffy feathers. Draw little lines around the head and body for feathers. (Now erase the rough sketch lines you began with.)

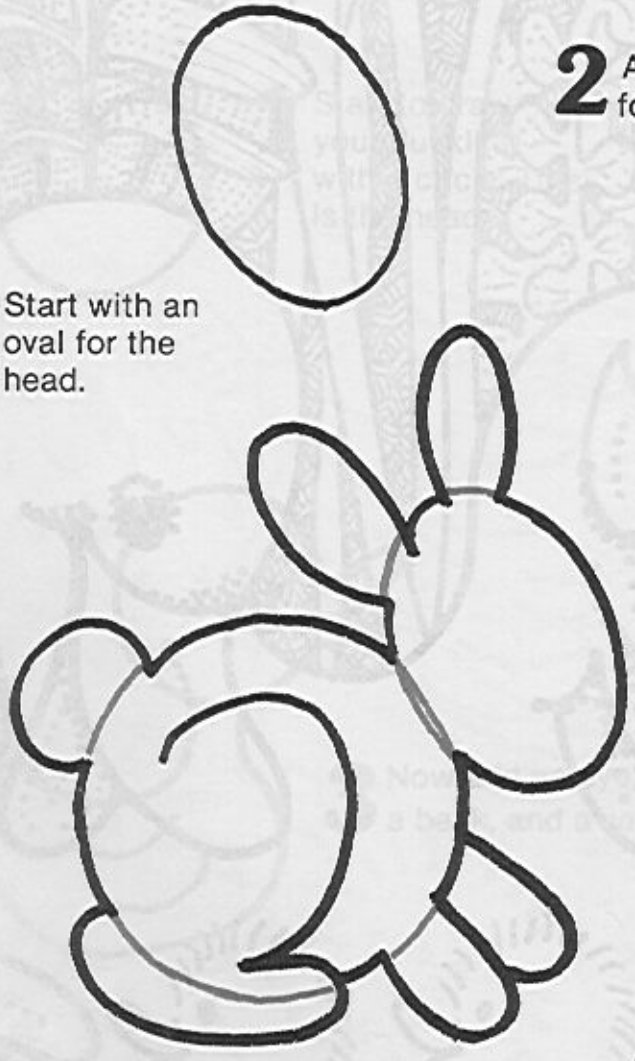
3 Draw dots for the eyes and a beak that's open and chirping. Each leg is a long skinny line, and each foot is three little lines. There's your chick—*cheep, cheep!*



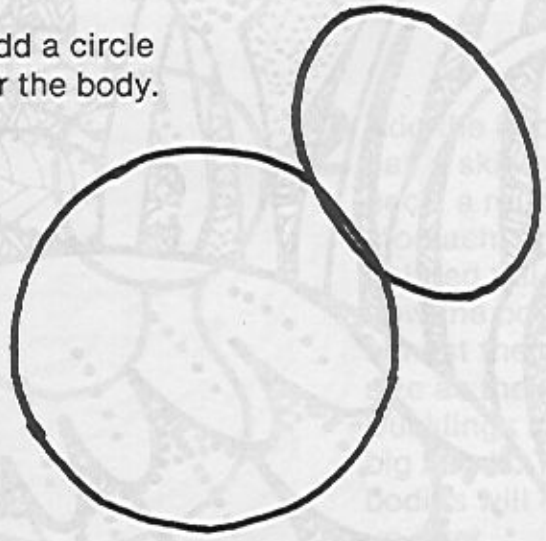
a baby rabbit is a...

bunny

A mother rabbit builds a nest for her babies under a tree or in tall grass. She digs a hole and lines it with grass and bits of fur. She makes a blanket from the grass and fur and tucks it over the babies when she leaves the nest.

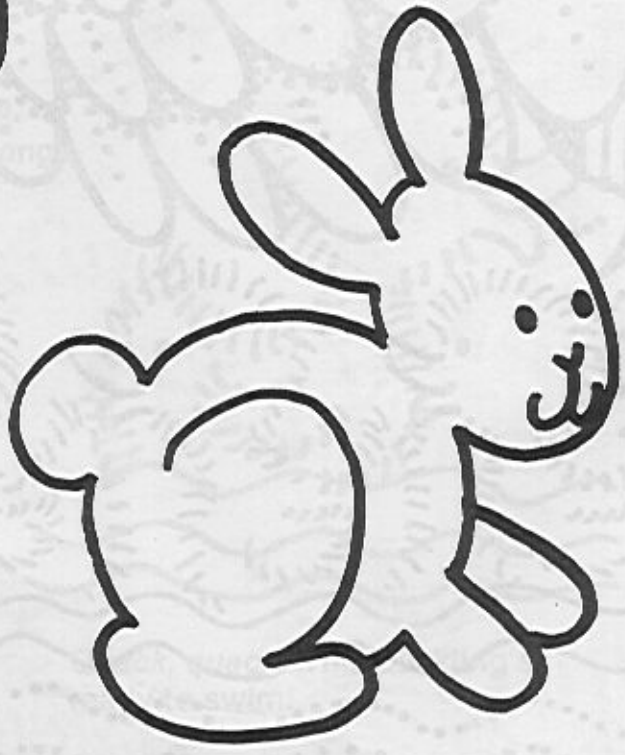


1 Start with an oval for the head.



2 Add a circle for the body.

3 Draw long smooth ears, a round tail, small legs in front, and big round legs in the back.



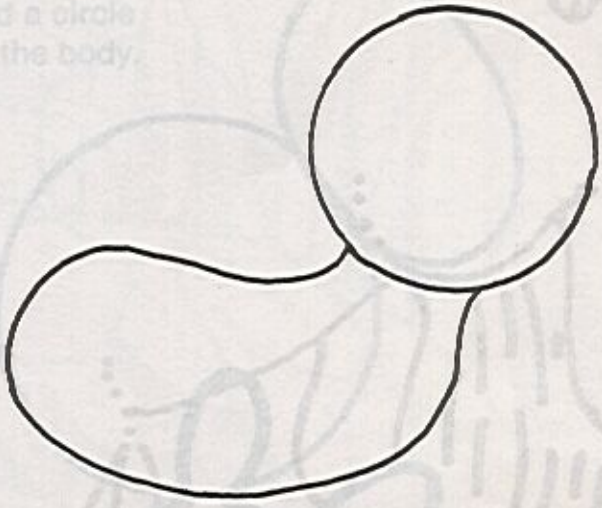
4 Now add the eyes, nose, and mouth, but do it quickly—before your bunny hops away!

a baby cat is a...

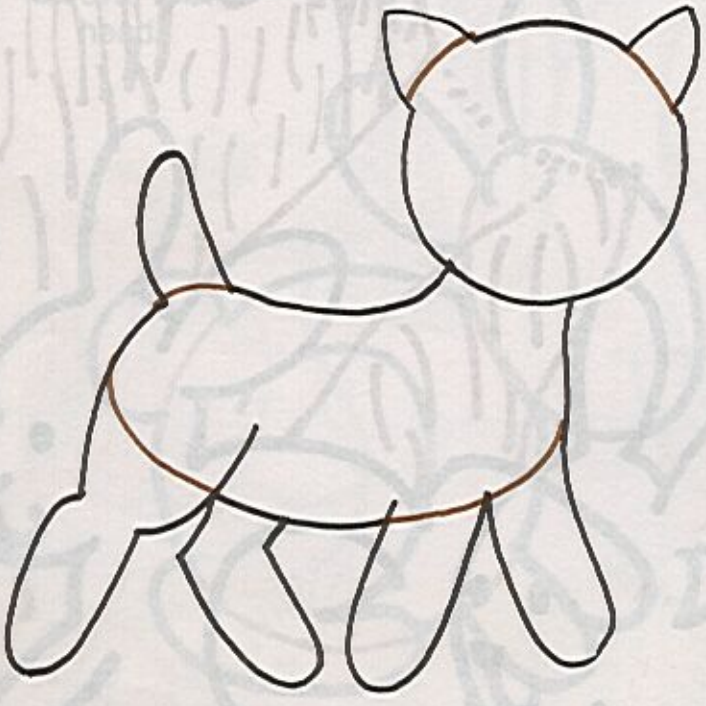
kitten

When kittens are born, their mother licks them with her rough tongue to clean them and to help them start to breathe. The babies' eyes are shut, and their little noses cannot smell very well. They know where their mother is because they can feel her purring. After only five weeks, the kittens will be running and playing.

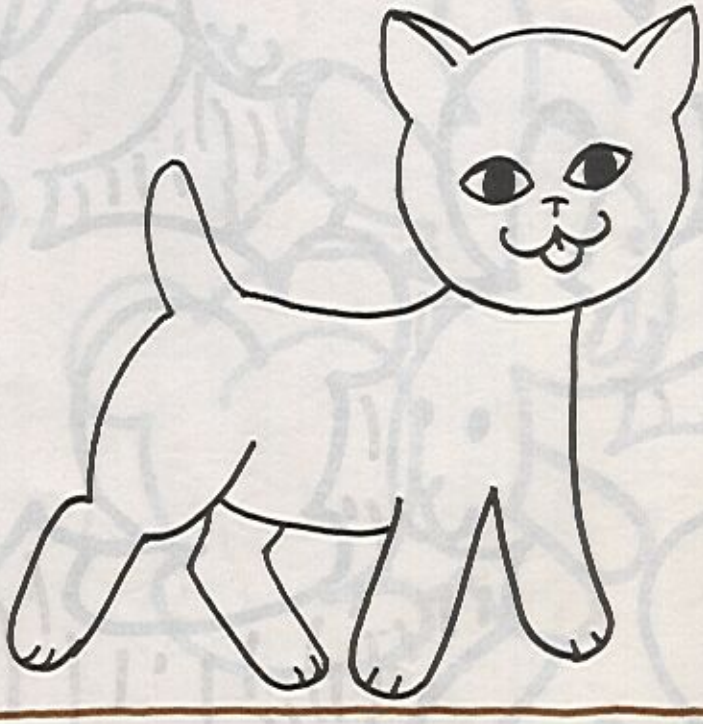
1 Start your kitten with a circle for the head.



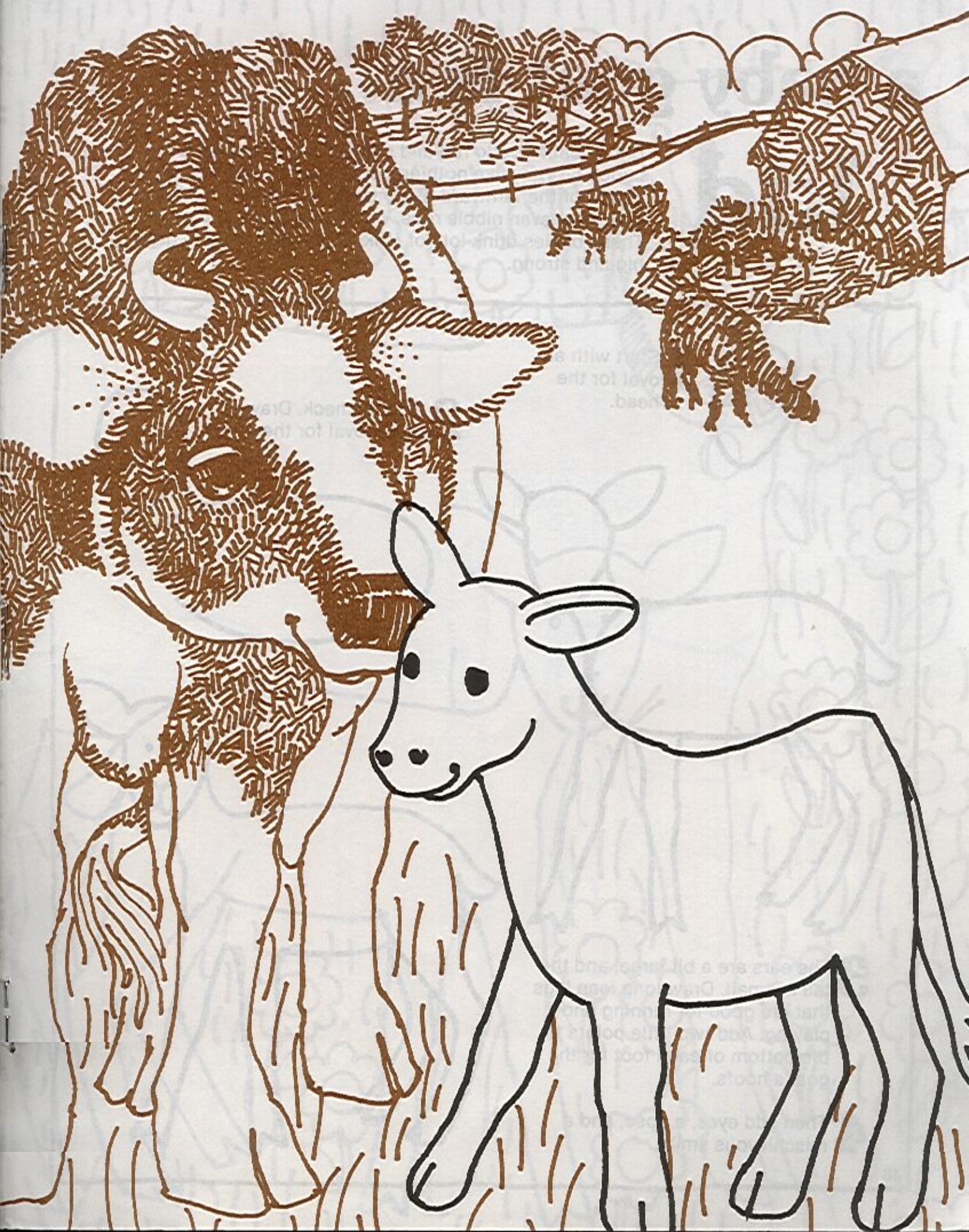
2 Then add a body with a very short neck.



3 Draw the short ears. Then draw the legs and tail—they should be not too fat and not too thin.



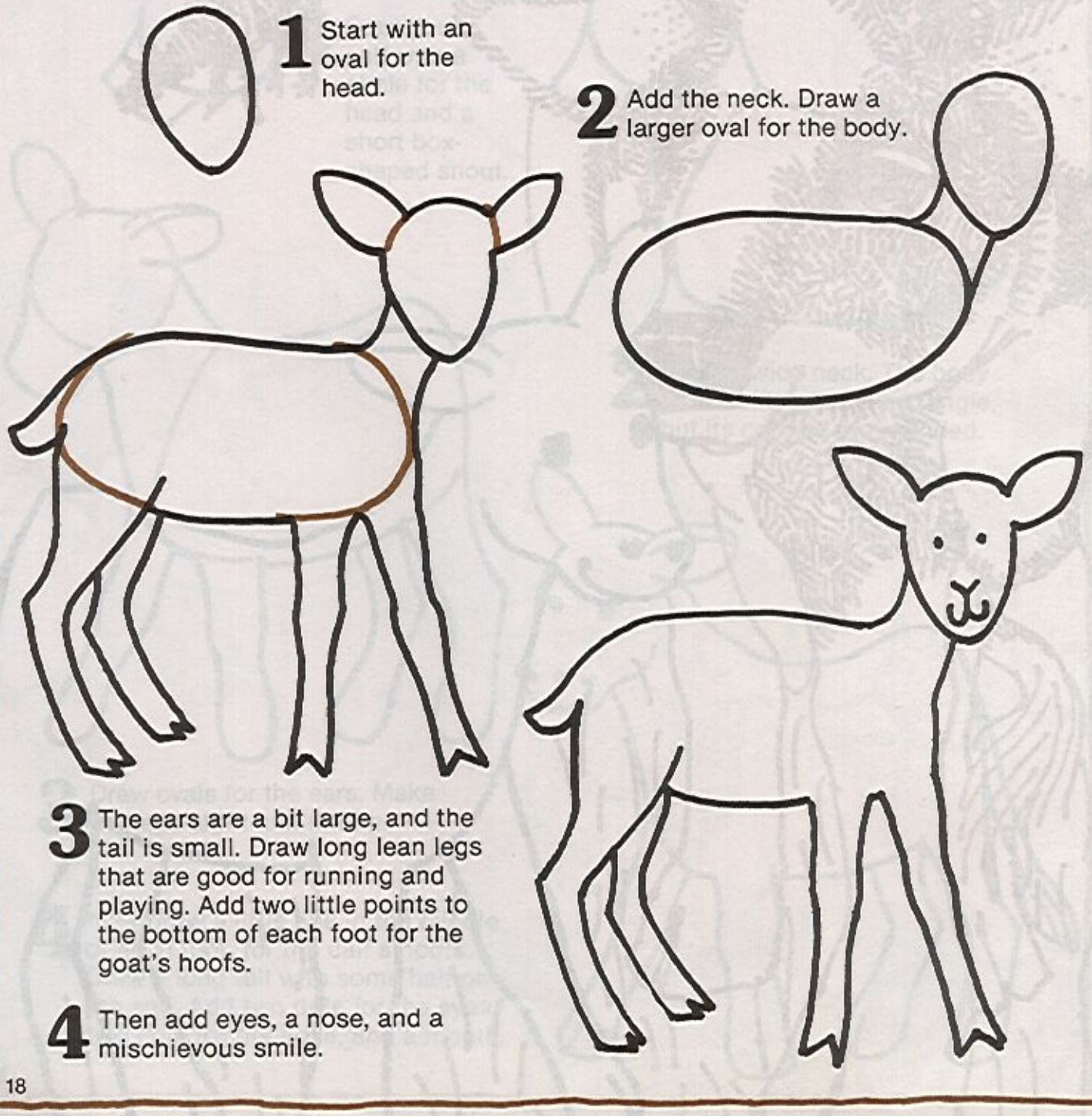
4 Now draw the eyes. Notice how they are shaped—like almonds. Draw a little nose and mouth. Complete your kitten with tiny lines at the tips of the paws.



a baby goat is a...

kid

Baby goats love to run and play. And they are full of curiosity. They like nothing better than to explore every corner of the farmyard. Baby goats are always hungry! They may even nibble rope, wood, or a piece of cloth. These babies drink lots of milk. Milk helps them to grow big and strong.

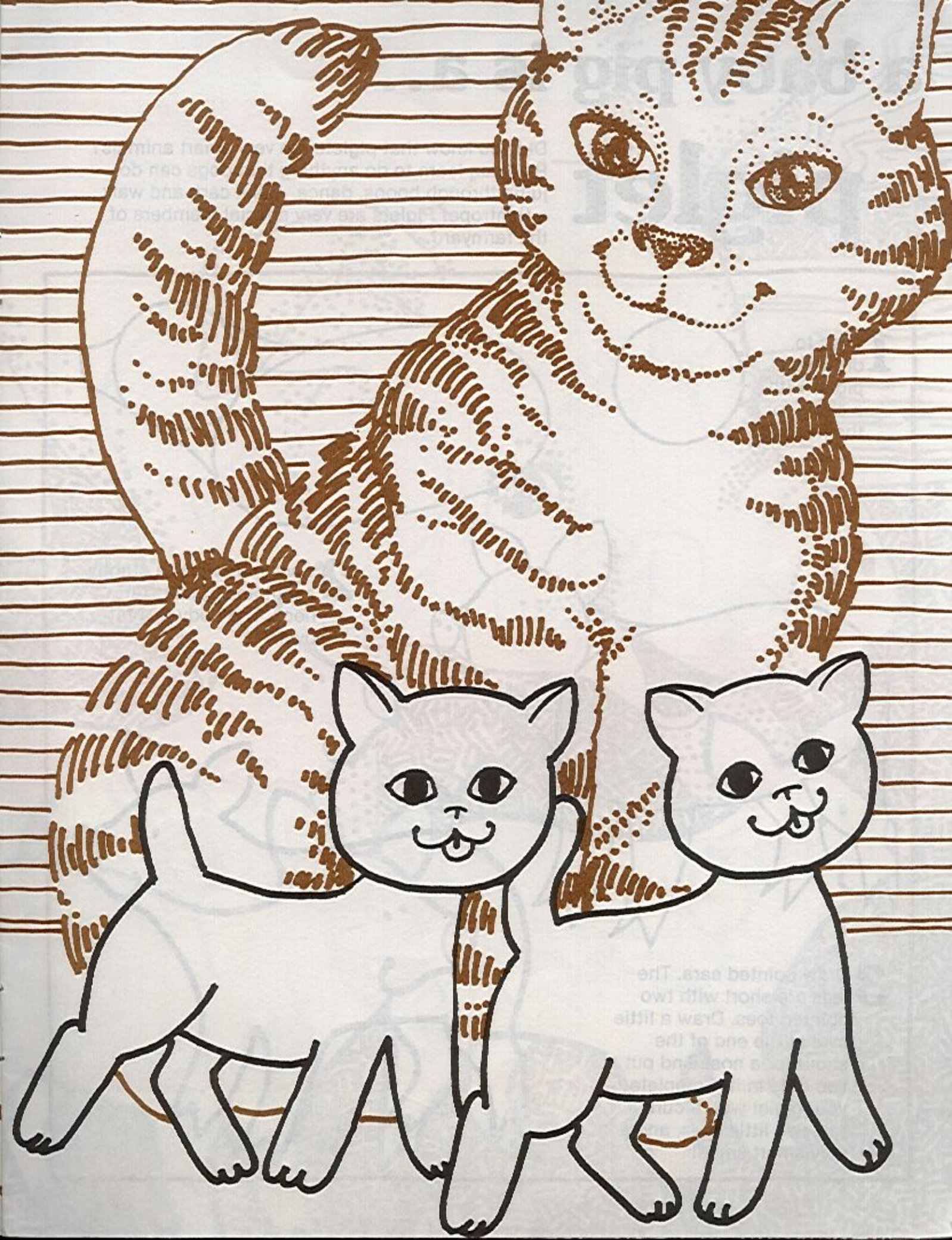


1 Start with an oval for the head.

2 Add the neck. Draw a larger oval for the body.

3 The ears are a bit large, and the tail is small. Draw long lean legs that are good for running and playing. Add two little points to the bottom of each foot for the goat's hoofs.

4 Then add eyes, a nose, and a mischievous smile.



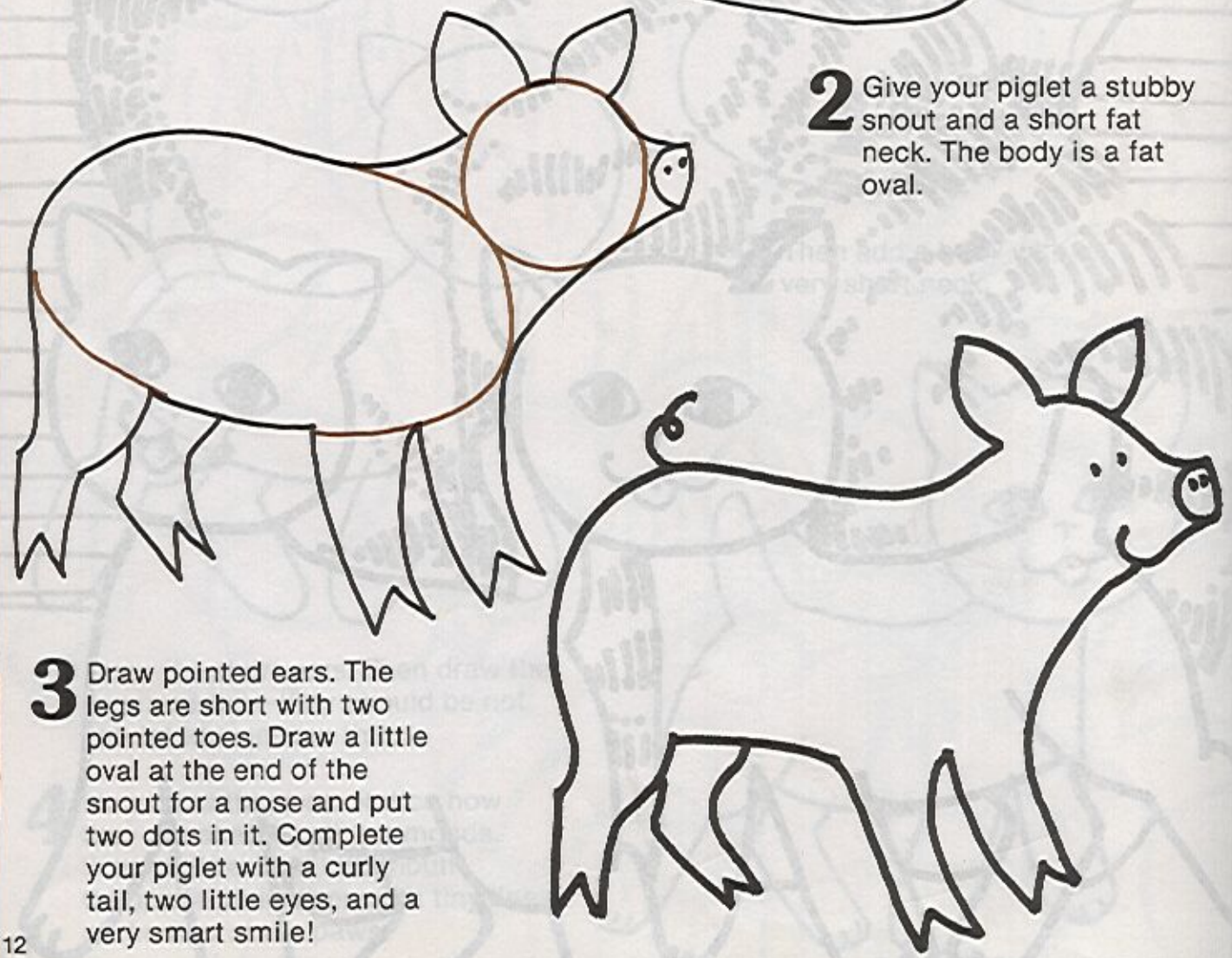
a baby pig is a...

piglet

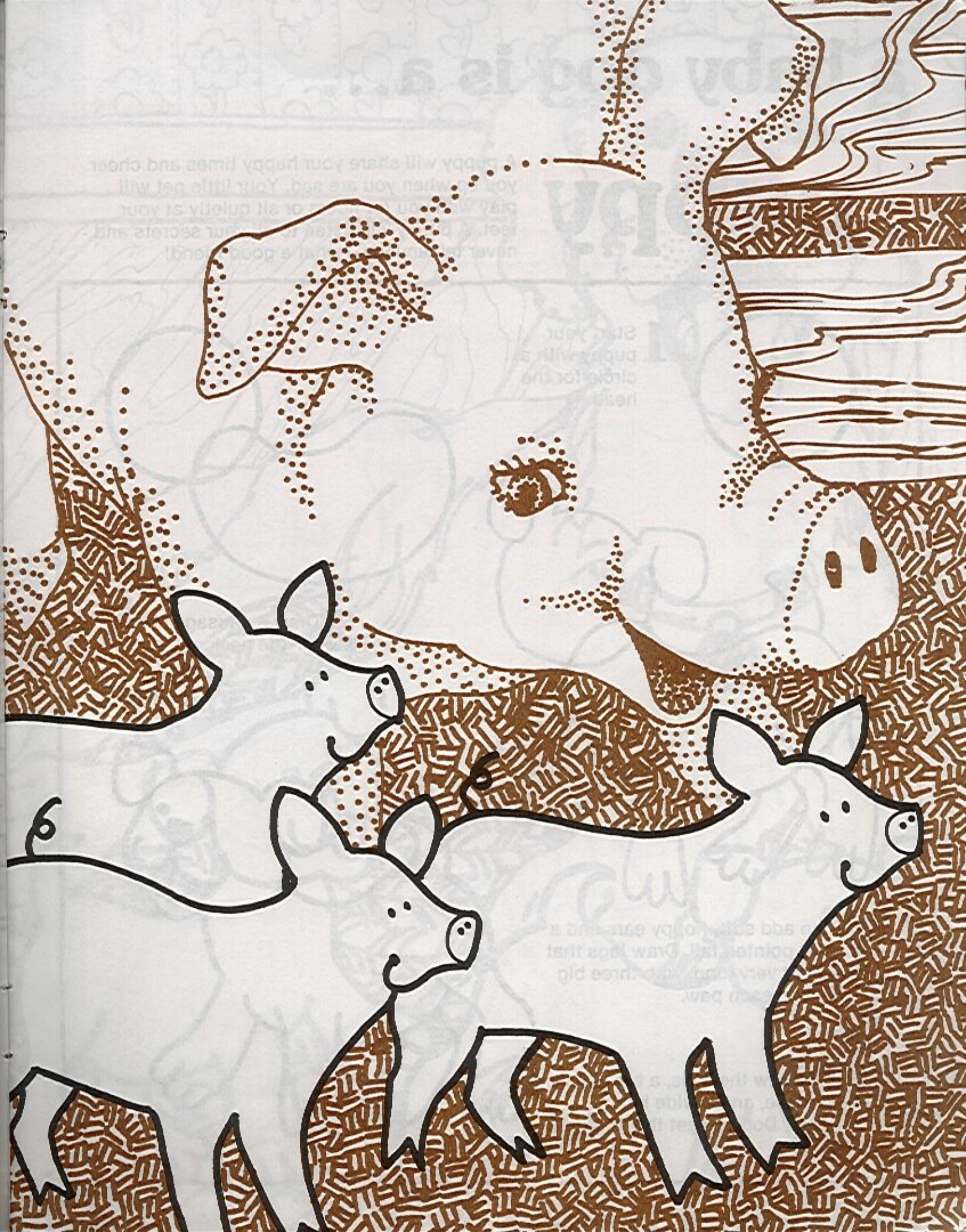
Did you know that piglets are very smart animals? Pigs can learn to do anything that dogs can do: jump through hoops, dance, pull a cart, and walk a tightrope! Piglets are very special members of the farmyard.

1 Start to draw your piglet with a circle for the head.

2 Give your piglet a stubby snout and a short fat neck. The body is a fat oval.



3 Draw pointed ears. The legs are short with two pointed toes. Draw a little oval at the end of the snout for a nose and put two dots in it. Complete your piglet with a curly tail, two little eyes, and a very smart smile!

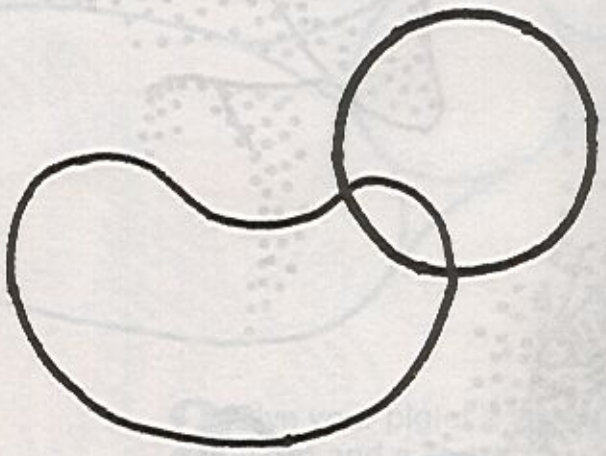


a baby dog is a...

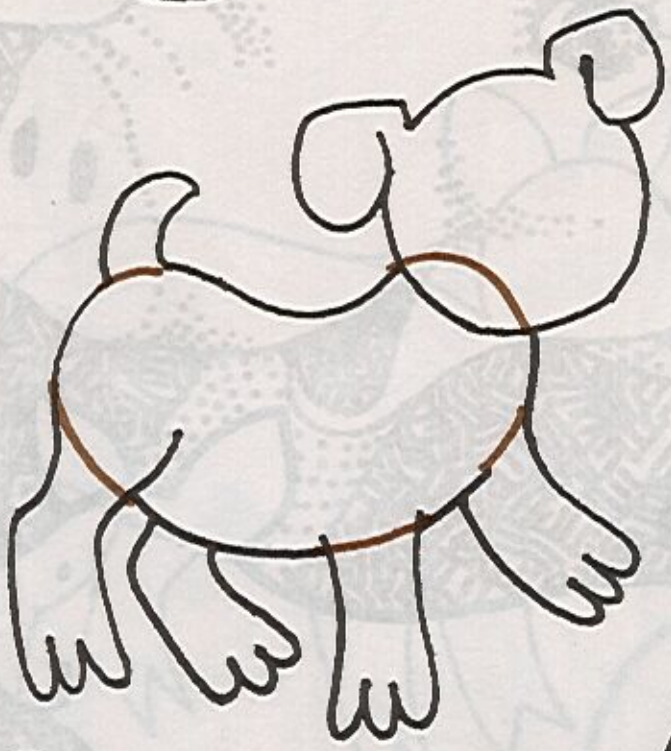
puppy

A puppy will share your happy times and cheer you up when you are sad. Your little pet will play with you for hours or sit quietly at your feet. A puppy will listen to all your secrets and never tell anyone—what a good friend!

1 Start your puppy with a circle for the head.



2 Draw a sausage shape for the neck and body.



3 Then add soft, floppy ears and a short pointed tail. Draw legs that are not very long, with three big toes on each paw.

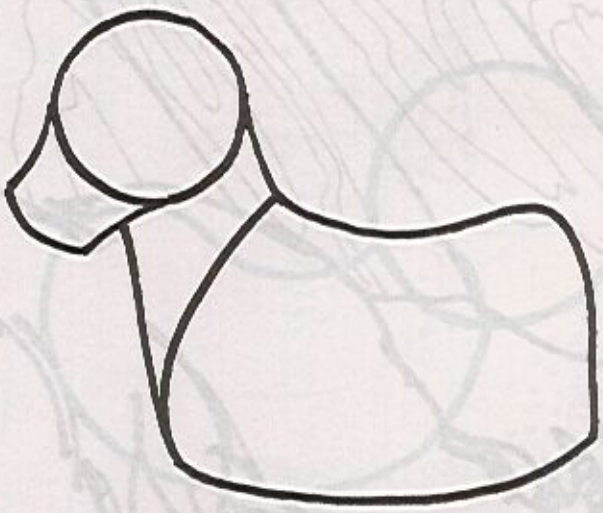
4 Next draw the eyes, a big, black wet nose, and a wide happy mouth. Don't forget the tongue.

a baby cow is a...

calf

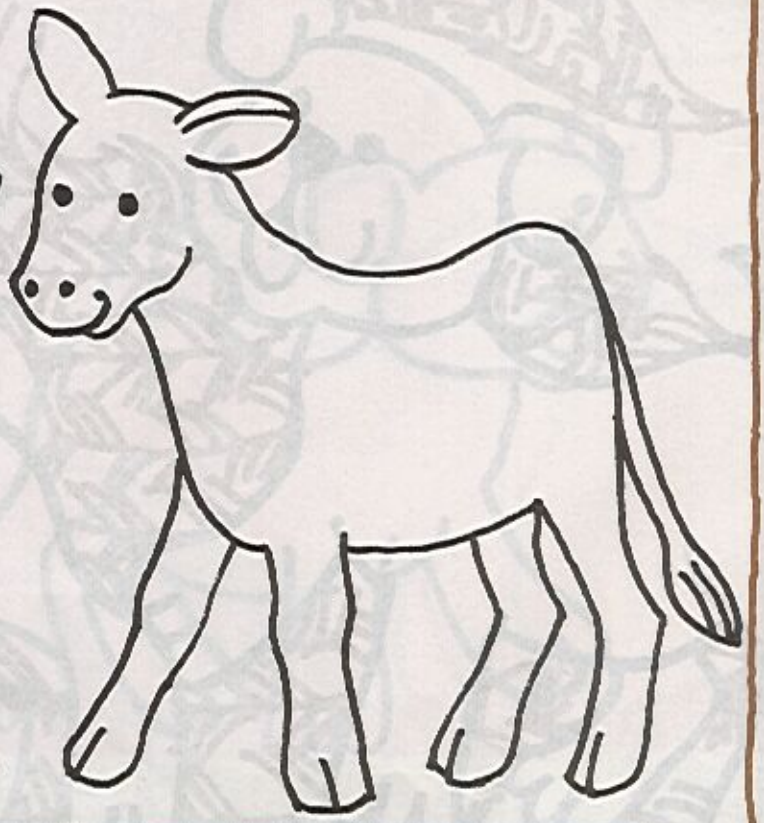
When this calf is grown, she will be big and gentle and friendly. She will eat grass and grains, and she will produce lots of milk. She'll make enough milk to feed calves of her own—and you and your family, too!

1 Start your calf with a circle for the head and a short box-shaped snout.



2 Draw a wide neck. The body looks a little like a rectangle, but its corners are rounded.

3 Draw ovals for the ears. Make the legs short and strong.



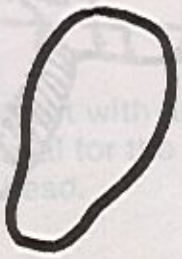
4 Now draw a little line in the middle of each foot, for the calf's hoofs. Draw a long tail with some hair on the end. Add two dots for the eyes, two dots for the nose, and a mouth.

a baby horse is a...

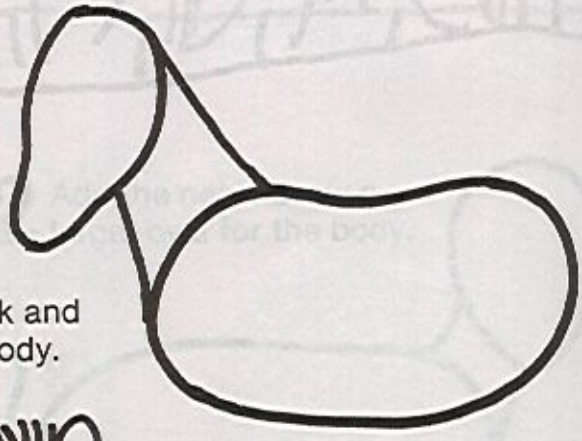
foal

A foal can stand and walk an hour after it is born. This baby horse first seems unsteady on its long thin legs. But soon the foal learns to trot. Lifting its head high, the baby steps proudly along. Finally, the little horse begins to gallop—faster and faster. If it falls, it gets right up and tries again.

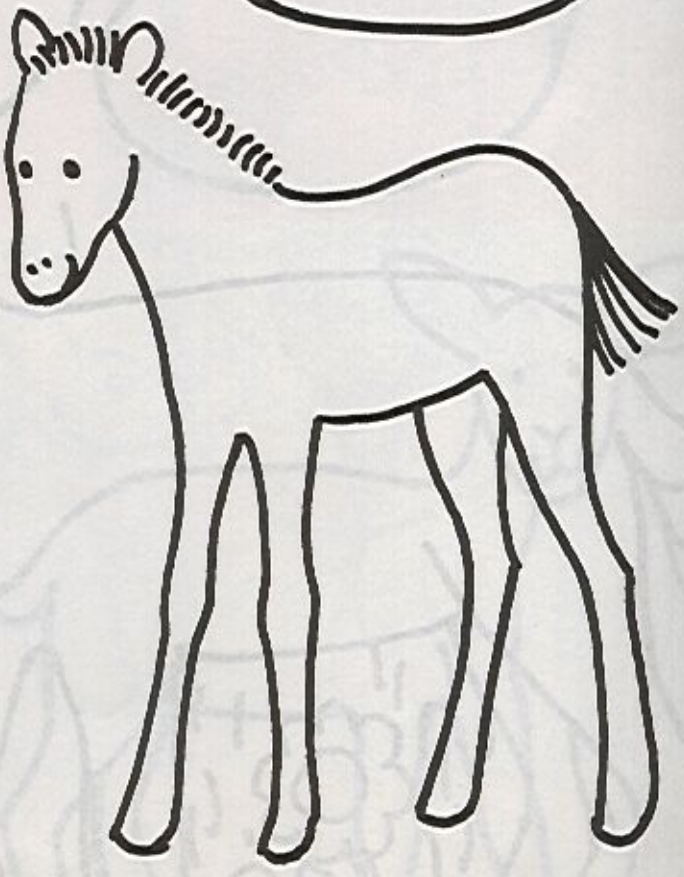
1 Draw a shape like a pear for the foal's head.



2 Draw a long neck and an oval for the body.



3 Add small ears to the top of the head. Make the legs long and skinny.



4 Draw short lines down the neck for the mane and a tail made from longer lines. Finish with two dots for the eyes, two dots for the nose, and a little smile.